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COUNCIL SECRETARY-GENERAL

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1. RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTS THAT AFRICAN COUNTRY REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO FAO HELD MEETING LAST WEEK, AND DECIDED TO RECOMMEND
TO THEIR ASIAN COUNTRY COLLEAGUES THAT THEY NOMINATE AZIZ OF
FAO TO BE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, AS FAO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA INITIALLY PROPOSED. THIS DECISION
WE BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN PURELY ON LOCAL INITIATIVE, AND
NOT TO HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO GOVERNMENTS.

2. AFRICAN GROUP APPARENTLY LOST SIGHT OF FACT THAT SINCE
WORLD FOOD COUNCIL IS NOT US SPECIALIZED AGENCY, UN SECRETARY-
GENERAL HAS PREROGATIVE TO NOMINATE HEAD OF ITS SECRETARIAT.
THEY COULD OF COURSE MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO UN SECRETARY-GENERAL,
BUT THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE THROUGH THEIR COLLEAGUES
IN NEW YORK, WHO MAY NOT BE OF LIKE MIND. VIDAL-NAQUET
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SAYS THAT AZIZ KILLED HIS CHANCES FOR POSITION BY ANNOUNCING IT

IN NEW YORK AS ACCOMPLISHED FACT.

3. VIDAL-NAQUET MAY SUCCEED IN POURING OIL ON THESE TROUBLED WATERS. JABATI OF SIERRA LEONE, RINGLEADER OF AFRICAN GROUP HERE AND MAN OF GOOD SENSE, IS CALLING ON VIDAL-NAQUET THIS AFTERNOON TO GET DETAILS OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF APPOINTMENT OF DR. HANNAH AS ACTING SECRETARY-GENERAL. VOLPE

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